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Letter dated 19 February 2004 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda (see annex), which was adopted by the Committee under the no-objection procedure on 13 February 2004, and is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

(*Signed*) Abdallah **Baali**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established pursuant to
resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda

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Annex

Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda

I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2003.

2. The previous report of the Committee, submitted to the Security Council on 24 December 2002 (S/2002/1406), covered its activities from 1 January to 20 December 2002.

II. Summary of the activities of the Committee during the reporting period

3. For 2003, the Bureau of the Committee consisted of Ambassador Fayssal Mekdad (Syrian Arab Republic) as Chairman, the delegations of Guinea and Spain providing the two Vice-Chairmen.

4. Although the restrictions imposed by paragraph 13 of resolution 918 (1994) on the sale or supply of arms and related materiel to the Government of Rwanda were terminated on 1 September 1996 in accordance with paragraph 8 of resolution 1011 (1995), all States are required to continue to implement the measures with a view to preventing the sale and supply of arms and related materiel to non-governmental forces for use in Rwanda.

5. At the 4888th meeting of the Security Council, on 22 December 2003, the outgoing Chairman, Ambassador Mekdad, referred briefly to the implementation of the measures. He explained that the Committee did not hold any formal meetings in 2003 because it had received no information on violations of the resolution. Ambassador Mekdad pointed out that this did not necessarily mean that there had been no violations, and emphasized that any arms smuggling had to be stopped. The Chairman also praised the Council's visit to the countries of Central Africa and stated his belief that the Council should pay appropriate attention to the situation in that region in the future.

III. Observations

6. In the absence of a specific monitoring mechanism to ensure the effective implementation of the arms embargo, the Committee would like to recall its previous observation that it relies solely on the cooperation of States and organizations in a position to provide information on violations of the arms embargo. During the reporting period, no violations of the arms embargo were brought to the attention of the Committee.